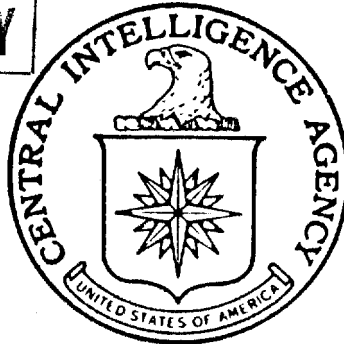


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SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL

PREDICT INCREASE IN TICK-BORNE ENCEPHALITIS -- Prague, Ceskoslovenska Epidemiologie, Mikrobiologie, Immunologie, Jun 60, p 1-3

The following is an FDD comment.

The lead article in source, written by a trio of scientists from the Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology (Ustav epidemiologie a mikrobiologie) in Prague, speculates that in 1960 there will be a great incidence of tick-borne meningoencephalitis in Czechoslovakia. The authors base their prediction on past observations, according to which a "heavier-than-normal" outbreak of the malady has always been recorded in the year immediately following what they refer to as a "Mouse Calamity" or "Mouse Year," that is, a year in which there was an overabundance of mouse-type rodents. The researchers say that normally, a "Mouse Year" occurs every 4 years. However, they note that an abundance of mouse-type rodents was reported in 1959, which is an "unprecedented" 7 years following the last "Mouse Year" on record. This, they say, leads them to the conclusion that there will be a large number of cases of human tick-borne encephalitis during 1960, with some increase still to continue into 1961.

FIRST MILITARY USE OF "PHARMACOPHYSICAL HYPOTERMIA" -- Bucharest, Viata Militara, 1 Jul 60

"Pharmacophysical hypotermia" has been used for the first time in a military hospital, the Military Hospital in Cluj, during an operation performed by Locotenent Colonel Medic Mircea Burmaz. This method decreases the body temperature of the patient by submerging him in a cold liquid to slow down body processes during an operation.

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SOCIOLOGICAL

PARTY HISTORY INSTITUTE PUBLICATIONS -- Warsaw, Trybuna Ludu, 21 Jul 60

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There has been a significant revival in the activity of the Party History Institute of the Polish United Workers Party Central Committee. Now being prepared by the institute are almost 30 monographs dealing with the difficult problems of the history of the Polish workers movement. (largely the doctoral works of institute workers), and a large, popular, five-volume handbook on the history of the Polish workers movement. Preparations are also being made for the eventual publication of an encyclopedic biographical dictionary of the activists of the Polish workers movement (a multivolume publication), a small dictionary on the Polish workers movement (approximately 1,000 entries), and several other popular scientific works.

MILITARY

PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP FIGURES -- Sofia, Patriot, 14 Jul 60

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With the addition of 84,000 new members, DOSO (Voluntary Organization for Defense Assistance), has reached its highest total membership ever, with 826,000 persons. Of the new members, 29,000 are women and 26,000 also belong to the Bulgarian Komsomol.

ECONOMIC

NEW SYSTEM OF REMUNERATION FOR JZD MEMBERS -- Prague, Finance a Uver, No 7, 1960, pp 410-415

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A new system of remuneration for JZD (unified agricultural cooperative) members is being introduced, following the pattern set by the Soviet kol-khozes. Under one method each JZD member will receive monthly a guaranteed part payment of 50 percent or more of the planned value of a work unit, based on the number of work units performed by the JZD member. The rest of the work-unit value will be paid out at the end of the production year in accordance with the actual value of the work unit, similar to past practice. Under a second method, the JZD member receives a guaranteed remuneration based on the full planned value of the work units without supplementary payment at the end of the year. Under a third method, monetary remuneration for fulfillment of the total number of norms, based either on work performed or on output.

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Payment of bonuses, both during the year and at the end of the year, will continue. To make it possible to adopt the method of remuneration without use of work units, the allocation of produce to JZD members must be abolished and all produce must be sold by the JZD.

SEAWEED POWDER SUBSTITUTES FOR STARCH -- Moscow, Ekonomicheskaya Gazeta, 8 Jul 60

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Since the Ivanovo textile mills use thousands of tons of starch annually to finish fabrics, the Ivanovo Scientific Research Textile Institute and specialists from the Kokhma Cotton Combine, in search of a substitute for starch, tested a powder which they had made of seaweed obtained in Arkhangel'sk. The results were excellent. It was estimated that this product could replace at least 60 percent of the starch now used in the Soviet textile industry.

CATCH-CROP SEEDS IN SHORT SUPPLY -- Warsaw, Zielony Sztandar, 20 Jul 60

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Poland has an acute shortage of almost all types of catch crop seeds: forage cabbage, fodder beet, sunflower, and red clover. But the most serious seed shortage is in field peas and vetches. The Gmina Cooperatives have only 4,500 tons of the latter two types of seeds on hand, whereas they require 6,000 tons. Their seradella seed stocks amount to approximately 1,500 tons, while 2,000 tons are needed.

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